



Master Chief Heath B. Jones
Command Master Chief, 8th Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard



Master Chief Heath B. Jones assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the 8th Coast Guard District in June 2017. His primary responsibility is to advise the Commander of the 8th Coast Guard District on issues and initiatives pertaining to all Coast Guard members and their families throughout the District, encompassing 26 states, including the Gulf of Mexico coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters and outer continental shelf, as well as the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River systems. Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Jones served as the Command Master Chief of Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads, Portsmouth, Va.



Originally from Covington, La, Master Chief Jones enlisted in 1995. He has served as Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Cutter SEA HORSE, Station Pensacola, Coast Guard Cutter BOLLARD, and Station Cape Charles. He has also served as Executive Petty Officer of Station Little Creek and Coast Guard Cutter SEAHAWK, as well as First Lieutenant of Station New Orleans and Coast Guard Cutter KANAWHA.

Master Chief Jones is a proud graduate of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy class 124, the Coast Guard Senior Enlisted Leadership Course class 48, and the National Defense University's Senior Enlisted Professional Military Education course. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree in Organizational Management with a specialty in Human Resource Management. He also holds a Certificate of Apprenticeship as a Master Homeland Security Specialist from the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program.

Master Chief Jones's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, all with operational distinguishing devices, the Command Afloat and Ashore Devices, and the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, and Advance Boat Forces insignia. He is the recipient of the 2012 Signalman First Class Douglas Munro Inspirational Leadership Award and the 2006 Master Chief Petty Officer Angela McShan Inspirational Leadership Award.

He has been married to the former Carol Ann Clarke of Folsom, La since 1996. They are the very proud parents of two children: Christian, 20, a sophomore at LSU, and Sidney, 18, a freshman at LSU.